

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph at page 11, beginning at line 24, with the following amended paragraph:

Additional exemplary and non-limiting applications for the teachings of this invention are described in commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application S.N. ~~10/~~10/770,881, filed on even date with this patent application, and entitled "Method and Apparatus Providing Address Management in a Flat Structure Mobile Network", also by Haihong Zheng, Khiem Le, Rene Purnadi and Srinivas Sreemanthula, (~~Attorney Docket No.: NC17686~~), the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.